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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/754,618
Applicants: Tadahiko YOKOTA, et al.
Filing Date: January 12, 2004
For: FILM FOR CIRCUIT BOARD
Group Art Unit: 1775
Examiner: C.F. LAM

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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Respectfully submitted,

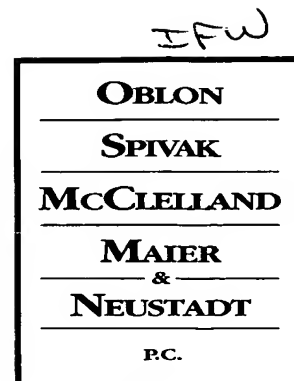
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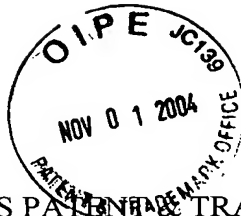


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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 1, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to a film for circuit board.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are either independent or patentably distinct. The burden of proof is on the Office to provide reasons and/or examples to support any conclusion with regard to patentable distinctness. MPEP §803.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that no adequate reasons and/or examples have been provided to support a conclusion of patentable distinctness between the identified groups or shown that a burden exists in searching all the claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown that a burden exist in searching all of the claims. Applicants respectfully point out that thousands of U.S. patents have issued in which many more than

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two subclasses are searched, and the Office cannot reasonably assert that a burden exists in searching only two subclasses.

Accordingly, and for the reasons presented above, Applicants submit that the Office has failed to meet the burden necessary in order to sustain the Restriction Requirement. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

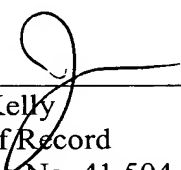
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